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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Representation of the DCI as Community
Leader in National Military Command Areas

REFERENCE: DCI/IC Memorandum #74-048 of 16 April,
Same Subject

1. The issue you raise in referent memorandum, having the DCI play a more active role in the major military command intelligence affairs abroad, raises a very complex issue and one which I personally feel would be premature to tackle until such time as the national/tactical intelligence interface problem is closer to resolution at the Washington level and until the major command reorganization which is presently being contemplated for Europe is worked out. In any event we have no problem on the coordination of clandestine activities, involving either collection or liaison, [redacted] around the world, under the terms of the DCIDs. I would oppose making any changes in these presently smoothly functioning arrangements. I also question the utility of involving any of our Station Chiefs in attempting to coordinate nonclandestine intelligence matters.

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2. In short, the "mini-USIB" idea may have some merit in the future, but I suggest it is somewhat premature.

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